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REF: A) MOSCOW 13056 ; B) MOSCOW 12985; C) MOSCOW 12950

D) MOSCOW 13171; E) MOSCOW 13138

FOR SCICOUNS, CULCOUNS

1. PER PARA 2, REF A AND PARA 1, REF C, NASA CABLE
2581432 TO DENISENKO (COPY TO CALLOWAY) ASKED THAT CORRES-
PONDENTS BE PERMITTED MAKE PAYMENTS FOR TOUR IN MOSCOW IN
RUBLES IF THEY SO DESIRE; THAT CORRESPONDENTS BE PER-
MITTED MAKE OWN HOTEL AND MEAL ARRANGEMENTS IF THEY FEEL
COST IS UNACCEPTABLE; AND THAT REPORTERS BE PERMITTED
SHARE HOTEL ROOMS TO REDUCE COST. NASA HAS NOT YET RE-
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CEIVED ANSWERS FROM DENISENKO TO THESE REQUESTS BUT MIRO

OF SIMIRO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IN N.Y. INDICATED,
HE WILL REDUCE COSTS FOR MOSCOW BASED CORRESPONDENTS BY
CHARGING FOR ONLY 10 OF 14 DAYS OF PACKAGE.

2. NASA ENDORSES MOSCOW BASED REPORTERS FILLING VACANT
POSITIONS ON ASTP PLANE WITHOUT PURCHASING "PACKAGE"
IF 10 PERSON PRESS POOL NOT FILLED, BUT SO FAR UNABLE
RESOLVE THIS QUESTION. IN VIEW OF LATE DATE SUGGEST
EMBASSY APPROACH DENISENKO ON ALL MATTERS SET FORTH ABOVE.

3. PER PARA 3, REF A, NASA NOT INSISTING ON PACKAGE
PURCHASE BY SOVIET JOURNALISTS HERE; IS MAKING SAME
HOTEL AND MEAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM AS FOR REST OF PARTY;
BUT IS NOT ARRANGING CUT RATES FOR SOVIET JOURNALISTS.
NASA ESTIMATES LATTER'S US COSTS AT \$50-\$60 A DAY.

4. PER PARA 2, REF D MIRO OF SIMIRO CHECKED WITH US
OFFICES FOR CONFIRMATION OF EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION
MOSCOW BASED CORRESPONDENTS (ONLY POND AND CLARK TO
ACCOMPANY FOR ENTIRE TOUR) AND INFORMED ACADEMY.

5. PER PARA 1, REF B, NASA DESIGNATING PRESS OFFICER
O'DONNEL AS POOL COORDINATOR.

6. PER PARA 4, REF B NASA WILL PROVIDE SHIPPING DATA
STEUBEN GLASSWARE ASAP.

7. PER PARA 2, REF C, 2 CABLES HAVE GONE FROM 89TH MAW
TO USDAO GIVING INFORMATION ON SPECIAL FLIGHT AND CREW,
INCLUDING PLANS AFTER ARRIVAL.

8. PER PARA 7, REF D, NO ARRIVAL STATEMENTS PREPARED.
SUGGEST ASKING DENISENKO RE PRESS/PHOTO ARRANGEMENTS AT
AIRPORT. APRECIATE EMBASSY ADVISE ASAP IF USSR ITINERARY
INDICATES REQUIREMENT FOR SPEECHES OR SPECIAL REMARKS
BY ASTRONAUTS.

9. PER PARA 3, REF E, ASTRONAUTS HAPPY MAKE SHORT VISIT
ANGLO-AMERICAN SCHOOL MORNING 22 SEPTEMBER AND HOPE
COSMONAUTS WILL JOIN. KISSINGER

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